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In re application of:
MacLeod, Donald J.

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For: SPINDLE MOTOR ASSEMBLY FOR
DISC DRIVES

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following claims.

✓ **IN THE CLAIMS**

✓ Please cancel claims 1-8, and enter the following:

- B'
9. A motor assembly for rotating a disc within a disc drive including a disc housing for enclosing the motor & disc, comprising
- a fixed shaft
 - a spindle hub rotating coaxially about the fixed shaft having a first position for supporting a disc,
 - bearings for rotatably supporting the hub for rotations about the shaft,
 - a magnet supported on a lower portion of the hub,
 - the housing comprising upper and lower casing sections fixed together to define the enclosed housing,
 - the lower casing defining a well,
 - a stator having a plurality of windings supported from an inner surface of the well and